

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF NORTH CAROLINA
CHARLOTTE DIVISION
CIVIL ACTION NO. 3:18-CV-00612-RJC-DSC**

**WILL SUMMERS JR,
SYLVIA SMITH-PHIFER,
LANCE PATTERSON,
AARON PHIFER,
MARTY PUCKETT,**

Plaintiffs,

v.

CITY OF CHARLOTTE,

Defendant.

ORDER

THIS MATTER comes before the Court on its own motion. At the request of the Honorable Robert J. Conrad, the presiding judge in this matter, the undersigned will conduct judicial settlement conferences on **May 4–5, 2022**, beginning at 10:00 am. Beginning at 10:00 am each day, the involved parties should report directly to their respective locations. The Defendant shall work from the 8th floor jury room; Plaintiffs will report to Courtroom 8.

The Court has concluded that a global settlement conference is unlikely to prove fruitful. Instead, the Court will hold individual conferences according to the following schedule:

May 4, 2022

10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Marty Puckett
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Willie Summers
3:00 pm – 5:00 pm	Sylvia Smith-Phifer


May 5, 2022

10:00 am – 12:00 pm	Lance Patterson
12:00 pm – 1:00 pm	Lunch
1:00 pm – 3:00 pm	Aaron Phifer

The parties are reminded that an individual with full settlement authority (other than counsel) shall be in attendance. The Court also notes that a criminal jury trial is currently scheduled for May 2 and May 3. The Court anticipates that the trial will end on May 3. In the event that the trial lasts longer than anticipated, the Court may have to delay these conferences by one day, or adjust the start times.

SO ORDERED.

Signed: April 25, 2022


Graham C. Mullen
United States District Judge

